

REMARKS

The Office Action has been received and reviewed. In light of the above amendments and following remarks, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

Claims 23-29 and 32-33 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-22, 30 and 31 are canceled.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 23-29 are allowed. New claims 32-33 contain the all of the allowable features of claims 23-29; and therefore should also be allowed.

Claims 30 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gloe (U.S. Publication 2004/0083306). Claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishiyama et al. (U.S. Patent 7,308,495) in view of Takeda et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0105420). Claims 1-22, 30 and 31 are canceled. Therefore, these rejections are moot.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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